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Mr. Kenneth Whittle
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Reference: F-2019-01817

Dear Mr. Whittle:

This is further to our letter dated 1 July 2019 and also is a final response to your 28 May 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for **any and all information, emails, documentation, communications, and transcripts relating to or using the phrase “crown material,” which former FBI director Comey stated was used by analysts when referring to the Steele dossier material.** We processed your request in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 3141, as amended.

We did not locate any records responsive to your request. Although our searches were reasonably calculated to uncover all relevant documents, and it is highly unlikely that repeating those searches would change the result, you nevertheless have the legal right to appeal the finding of no records responsive to your request. As the CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator, I am the CIA official responsible for this determination. You have the right to appeal this response to the Agency Release Panel, in my care, within 90 days from the date of this letter. Please include the basis of your appeal.

If you have any questions regarding our response, you may contact us at:

Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505
Information and Privacy Coordinator
703-613-3007 (Fax)

Please be advised that you may seek dispute resolution services from the CIA's FOIA Public Liaison or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) of the National Archives and Records Administration. OGIS offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. You may reach CIA's FOIA Public Liaison at:

703-613-1287 (FOIA Hotline)

The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services
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Contacting the CIA's FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS does not affect your right to pursue an administrative appeal.

Further, we believe your request as written would more likely fall under the auspices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. There is no central office in the government that processes requests for all federal agencies. Each agency responds to requests for its own records. Therefore, we believe you should submit your FOIA request to the following address:

Mr. David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information Dissemination Section
Records Management Division
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
170 Marcel Drive
Winchester, VA 22602-4843

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Lilly', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Lilly
Information and Privacy Coordinator